

the very spirit of kingly generosity and  
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 His lending place among the princes  
 of Europe  
 is shown by his iimrriago *in* 1177 with  
 Joan,  
 daughter o! Henry II., which allied the  
 Norman  
 dynasty of Palermo with the Nunmui-  
 Angevin  
 dynasty of England. But the puthus of u  
 dynasty  
 doomed to extinction surrounds thin  
 prince, and  
 tuonuls all his achievement.

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 the Western Empire and the Nornuuw  
 of Southern  
 Italy, now more than a century old,

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 decisive stage?. To Frederick  
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 and an outlaw, *m* it had bexm to  
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 Conrad, A greater man than either,  
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 have attained an objcet which was  
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 and have ovtarthrown the Nnnium |  
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 ambition to  
 subject Italy from the Alps\* i«\* Tii<i<t«  
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